

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL  
OF MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2006**

A public meeting of the Arizona Geographic Information Council was convened at 10:02a.m. on May 4, 2006 at the Arizona State Land Department, 1616 West Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007 in Room 321. Present at the meeting were the following members or designees of the Arizona Geographic Information Council:

Kevin Blake, Northern Arizona Geographic Information Forum  
Candace Bogart, USDA Forest Service  
Brian Brady, Yuma Regional Geographic Information Systems  
Lee Dexter, Northern Arizona University  
Chris English, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Jami Garrison, Arizona Department of Transportation  
Victor Gass, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Rick Harrington, Southern Arizona Geographic Information Systems  
Gary Irish, Arizona State Land Department  
Boyd Larkin, designee for Richard Oland, Arizona Department of Revenue  
Keith Larson, Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Shea Lemar, designee for Richard Aspinall, Arizona State University  
Dave Minkel, National Geodetic Survey  
Chris Newton, Arizona Department of Health Services  
Timothy Smothers, League of Arizona Cities and Towns  
Linda Strock, designee for Peter Kozy, Arizona Department of Economic Security  
Tom Sturm, US Geological Survey  
Larri Tearman, designee for Dena Gambrel, Arizona Department of Water Resources  
Gene Trobia, Arizona State Cartographer's Office  
Tom Tyndall, designee for Bradley McNeill, Arizona State Parks  
Dave Wilson, designee for Jack Johnson, Bureau of Land Management

The following members or designees attended telephonically:

Howard Ward, private sector representative  
Don Worley, designee for Rita Walton, Maricopa Association of Governments

Absent were:

Lisa Danko, Arizona Department of Commerce  
Rodney Hampton, Arizona Association of Counties  
Lee Harbers, Arizona Association of Professional Land Surveyors  
Sharon Nicholson, Arizona Department of Public Safety  
Manny Rosas, Pima Association of Governments  
Craig Wissler, University of Arizona

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

- I. Call to Order. The Council was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Rick Harrington, AGIC President. A count of Board Members established that a quorum was present (see list of Board members and designees in attendance).
- II. Budget Update: Gary Irish reported on the AGIC budget (see attached AGIC Budget Summary). The status of the AGIC budget indicated that as of March 31, 2006, the AGIC General account showed a balance of \$9,781.72 and the AGIC Conference account showed a balance of \$44,347.91. Gary indicated that Board dues had been received from about half of the members, and that Paulett Baker (staff to the Council) would be distributing invoices to those members who had not yet paid.
- III. Approval of Minutes of the February 9, 2005 Board meeting. Motion made by Dave Minkel to approve the minutes of the February 9 meeting. Seconded by Tom Sturm. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Action Item: Minutes of the February 9 Board meeting approved unanimously.**

IV. Committee Reports

A. *Administration and Legal Committee*

Tim Smothers turned the report over to Gene Trobia.

Gene Trobia reported on a USGS Cooperative Agreement Program (CAP) grant for which the State Cartographer's Office (SCO) had applied. Gene reported that the SCO was not awarded the grant. Gene stated that SCO had been encouraged by the FGDC to apply again next year. Gene continued saying that NSGIC would be contacting the award recipients to see if they can post the winning proposals on the NSGIC website.

Gene next gave a presentation on the Fifty States Initiative (please see slide handouts). Gene stated that AGIC needs to look at creating a small strategic plan that can be updated on a yearly basis.

Gene next discussed an FGDC Request for Information (RFI). Gene reported that geospatial is included in the President's budget and is therefore a line of business that the Office of Management and Budget can address. The FGDC RFI is to solicit input on the line of business concept. Gene reported that NSGIC is calling for more robust geospatial data at the local level that can be integrated and used in an emergency (see attached). Gene requested that the Board endorse the concepts in the NSGIC proposal and authorize Gene to write a cover letter on behalf of the Board. Gary Irish suggested that it be in the form of a resolution. Gene stated the resolution as follows: AGIC resolution in support of the NSGIC response to the Geospatial Line of Business Request for Information which calls for among other items:

- More inclusive governance of non-federal stakeholders to create the National Spatial Data Infrastructure
- Federal support of state, tribal, and local geospatial data development for improved homeland security, first responder, planning, mitigation, response and recovery.

Motion made by Rick Harrington. Seconded by Lee Dexter. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Action Item: Approval of AGIC resolution in support of the NSGIC response to the Geospatial Line of Business Request for Information.**

B. *Technology Committee*

Gary Irish reported on the status of the AGIC Portal. Gary stated that beta testing was underway at Arizona State Land Department and at the Department of Environmental Quality, and that he was working on contributor and download agreements. Gary said that the Technology Committee would meet to review the results of the beta test and make corrections as needed. Victor Gass added that the Portal would be just one component of data sharing technology and that the committee would be looking at other means of data sharing after the Portal is released.

C. *Data Resources Committee*

Tom Sturm gave an update on the new Arizona imagery. Tom reported that the final initial delivery of data had been inspected and the contractor would be sending back corrected files. Tom added that additional products would be acquired from the contractor and that Pima County had been added to the counties that the contractor was collecting data for. Dave Minkel asked why Cochise County was not included in the imagery. Tom explained that the imagery would be used as a basis for TIGER Modernization and that Cochise County had made their streets centerlines available to the Census, as had Maricopa County.

Gene Trobia gave a presentation on Imagery for the Nation (please see slide handouts).

Jason Howard gave an update on the Imagery Server Project. Jason stated that the server had been installed at Arizona State University and that he was almost ready to begin loading data into the database.

D. *Education, Outreach, and Conference Committee*

1. Education Working Group. Shea Lemar reported the Education Working Group had been active of late. Shea reported that 4H has an active technical portion and the Group is trying to reach out to them. Shea reported that Jim Riedmann would be reviewing and updating the AGIC Educators List and Who's Who List on the AGIC website and making corrections as needed. Shea stated that the Internet mapping user group would be meeting next at the end of August. Shea finally gave a brief

report in the Microcomputers in Education Conference at Arizona State University that was held in March. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Action Item: AGIC will co-sponsor the ASU GIS Career Fest in October 2007.**

2. Outreach Working Group. Jason Howard reported that the two letters discussed at the previous Board meeting had been drafted. The first letter was sent out to Arizona Department of Education and Bureau of Reclamation, seeking appointments to the empty seats on the Board. The second letter requesting inactive Board members to please attend meetings or appoint a designee would be sent out later.

Gene Trobia reported that the Outreach Committee would look at filling tribal representation on the Board through tribal user groups.

Jim Riedmann reported on how the AGIC Newsletter is a useful tool for outreach. Jim ask for the Board's permission to include a "Message from the Board" column in the next newsletter. Rick Harrington said that it would be acceptable.

3. Conference Working Group. Jason Howard briefly described the purpose and format of the 2006 workshops. Jason next briefly discussed issues affecting the location of the 2007 Conference, and stated that in all likelihood Tucson would be out of the question. Gene Trobia asked if the Board had a preference for Tucson, Phoenix, or Prescott. The Board members voiced a preference for Prescott.

- V. Comments, Requests, and Items for Future Agendas. Dave Minkel noted that Mesa Community College was looking for a person to develop a class for GIS in engineering. Dave stated that he thought the APLS Geospatial Group was the best place to take that up. Gene Trobia requested an agenda item for the next Board meeting regarding this.

Rick Harrington proposed that future meetings should have a section where meetings of interest to AGIC board members can be mentioned.

- VII. Call to the Public. Seth Franzman thanked Jim Riedmann for the work he had done for the AGIC Newsletter.
- VIII. Next Meeting Time and Dates. Tom Sturm requested that the next regularly scheduled meeting be held August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 10:00am. The Board agreed to the schedule change. Members will be e-mailed the location.
- X. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:53am.

**Attachments:**

AGIC Budget Summary

Fifty States Initiative/Imagery for the Nation presentation slides

Imagery for the Nation handout